

Commissioners:

I am writing to demand that the proposed FCC deregulation be publicized and a full a complete debate be held on prime time television as well as public hearings be held in New Jersey. My husband and I adamantly oppose the deregulation of the FCC rules regarding ownership of media and the public airwaves. The public airwaves belong to the citizens and you have a responsibility to protect the public's interest concerning access to a wide range of information and news. Unbiased information is imperative for citizens to make informed decisions and participate in the political process. I get most of my news and information from television and I am very angry and disgusted by the corporate control on the information about important topics, including the proposed FCC vote to deregulate. The concentration of ownership of television and radio media greatly diminishes the public's access to information. The FCC should make efforts to increase the number of leases and to balance programs to encompass all points of view. Recently, talk show hosts such as Phil Donahue have been canceled because his guests discussed views in opposition to the Bush administration. Currently the TV news and talk programs are dominated by ultra conservatives and there are no other points of view allowed to be presented to viewers. Corporate control of the media is a threat to our democracy and should be stronly opposed by the FCC. I have written to my Congressman and Senators to demand an investigation of the FCC and the lack of public hearings on the proposed deregulation. I have also demanded that chairman Michael Powell be fired as he is not a proper guardian of such a valuable public commodity. The free flow of information and ideas is the foundation of our democracy. I suggest that Mr. Powell is not qualified for such a responsible job and has been foolishly influence by Rupert Murdoch's contract to publish Mrs. Colin Powell's book. This chairman must be replaced with an mature, intelligent, experienced person who will have the trust of the people. I want to have hearings in New Jersey on this proposed deregulation as well as a full televised debate on this issue.